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When I spoke to the Foreign Minister by phone on the 18th morning, he said: "As the Chinese Government failed to accept the proposal (determined by the Japanese Government), the Council held in the presence of His Majesty arrived at a decision to launch into the alternative plan." [The foregoing was related to the German Ambassador and his reply was: "To be sure, there is nothing more that could be done under the circumstances. I shall explain it in details to the Ambassadors and Ministers of all nations."]7